श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: जहां slum area हैं या जहां पर इस तरह के बच्चे रहते हैं या स्ट्रीट बच्चे रहते हैं या बहुत सारी पापुलेशन है, जो ट्रैवल करती रहती है, इन सबके लिए अलग-अलग स्कीमें हैं। यहां तक कि बिहार में ऐसे बच्चे जो चरवाहे का काम करते हैं, उनके लिए भी इंतजाम किया गया है। इसके लिए मुख्तलिफ राज्यों में मुख्तलिफ किस्म के कार्यक्रम चल रहे हैं, ताकि ऐसे बच्चे, जो किसी वजह से स्कूल नहीं जा पाते हैं, उनको वहां पर तालीम दी जा सके और पढ़ाया जा सके।

एक माननीय सदस्य: ये स्ट्रीट बच्चे क्या हैं?

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: बहुत सारे बच्चे ऐसे हैं जो पेवमेंट पर सोते हैं।

श्री सभापति: नहीं, वे स्ट्रीट बच्चे नहीं कहलाते हैं।

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Sir, will the hon. Minister be kind enough to inform the House whether there is any scheme of running the residential schools for children engaged in hazardous occupations like the one, cited by the hon. Member, and also for children working in handloom industries, especially, the children belonging to the weaver class because they come under the backward classes. Is there any scheme for running residential schools to take care of their overall school requirements, including their food, like you are running for the Scheduled Castes? Can you kindly give the details?

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: हमारे मंत्रालय की ओर से ऐसी कोई स्कीम नहीं चलाई जा रही है।

Directions issued to PSUs

*210. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued directions from time to time to the managements of the enterprises in public sector (PSUs);

(b) the number of the directions issued indicating those generally applicable to all PSUs and those specific ones for particular PSUs, PSU-wise, consolidated year-wise since 1998-99 till the 30th June, 2005;

(c) whether any review of such directions has been carried out from time to time especially with a view to distinguish those directions which tend to impinge autonomy of the management with other;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) Department of Public Enterprises being nodal Department for CPSEs have issued guidelines from time to time to CPSEs. The details of guidelines issued year-wise since 1998-1999 till 30th June, 2005 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

Government had appointed two Committees *viz.* Vittal Committee and Nair Committee to review these guidelines issued by BPE/DPE. On the basis of Vittal Committee, 696 guidelines were deleted and on the basis of Nair Committee, 66 guidelines have been deleted and some of the guidelines have been modified/merged. The purpose of review of guidelines was to withdraw the Government intervention from day-to-day affairs of CPSEs and to give them more autonomy.

Statement

Details of guidelines issued year-wise

Year	No. of guidelines
1998-1999	25
1999-2000	17
2000-2001	14
2001-2002	20
2002-2003	16
2003-2004	15
2004-2005	22
TOTAL:	129

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Chairman, Sir, first of all, I object to what the hon. Minister has given in his Statement. He has given the figures from 1998 to 2005. The PSUs have been existing in this country since the days of Independence. Unfortunately, he wants to give the figures only from 1998 to 2005. Why? As far as I know, about 1,300 notifications have been issued so far by the Government mostly with the aim of imposing some restrictions or the other to interfere in the professional freedom of the PSUs. (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति : क्वैश्चन कीजिए।

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Recently, a delegation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants met me and they told me that there was a fresh notification issued to the Institute of Chartered Accountants stating that those who are looking into the audit of PSUs should not talk to Members of Parliament and disclose anything to Members of Parliament. (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: क्वैश्चन कीजिए।

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Later on, when the people made a hue and cry, it was withdrawn, ...(*Interruptions*)...That is part of the question, Mr. Ramesh. Don't interfere in my matter, please. Please give an answer. Sir, what happened is that, as per Vittal Committee and Nair Committee Reports, out of 1,300 notifications, about 762 notifications were cancelled. What happened to the other 538 notifications? You are mentioning about 129 notifications. Can you just explain that to the House?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, the hon. Member is a well-read and well-informed Member. What I have given is factual. What he is mentioning is also not incorrect because he has quoted those which have not been removed. He has quoted that number. I am mentioning what we actually removed from the guidelines. After that, the Nair Committee has removed some from that. I gave the number that is there.

The second thing is about the Chartered Accountants meeting him. They had not met me. They could have come to me first and then gone to him. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: They met you also.*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: I will answer. (*Interruptions*)...Let me answer. (*Interruptions*)... I have not interrupted you. *(Interruptions)*...I have not interrupted you. *(Interruptions)*... Why are you standing up? *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Please answer that.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: So, I will tell you, kindly send me that paper. Within a week I will take a decision and let you know.

MR.CHAIRMAN: Next supplementary.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, the point is not correct. Again, the Minister is not well informed. *(Interruptions)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN: You put your second supplementary. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: No, Sir. The Minister is not well informed. I want to just tell him...*(Interruptions)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, don't explain everying. *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: I would like to tell him, through you, Sir,....*(Interruptions)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Through me, you can put your second supplementary to him.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, I have got a second supplementary. The Joint Secretary of his Department wrote a letter stating why they were meeting the Members of Parliament. "Why are you, the Institute of Chartered Accontants people, meeting and interacting with the Members of Parliament? Whenever anything happens, you should talk to us, not to the Members of a Parliament". It means that the privilege of Members of Parliament is being snatched away by that notification. I would like to know from the hon. Minister why it was done and at whose behest it was done. *(Interruptions)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is right.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Then, later on, it was withdrawn. Why? who gave that order?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAV DEV: My Ministry has no such information. If he lays it on the Table of the House, appropriate action will be taken which exsists in our system.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, I am on a wider subject of autonomy.I feel that it is not relating to Charatered Accountants alone. The main thing is that a number of directions have been issued. My specific question is--I am not going to name the company also—in spite of so many guidelines as well as presence of Government nominees on the

PSU Boards, under what circumstances it became necessary to issue a Presidential Directive to a PSU with regard to certain procurement, specificiations, etc. There are so many guidelines, as well as, there are Government nominees....(*Interruptions*)....Under these circumstances, would you please examine it? You can come afterwards also. I would like to know whether a Presidential Directive has become necessary under any extraordinary circumstances. What are those extraordinary circumstances?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, it does happen. Recently, it has happened. A public sector sector company called for a tender and in that tender it specified only one item, while other equivalent items were available in the market. It was global tender. So we could not sit idle. The appropriate Ministry took action. They sent the papers to us and we sent them to the Expert Committee. The Expert Committee gave its report. Ultimately, the concerned public sector company has amended the tender. In spite of the guidelines, sometimes, by mistake or by oversight or for some other reasons, it happens. We do take care of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Jairam Ramesh.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: In that case the Ministry is responsible. (*Interruptions*). Sir, first the mistake was committed, and, then, the Presidential directive was issued. Does the Minister say that a mistake was committed by a PSU which warranted an intervention of a Presidential directive?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Yes, Sir, a mistake was committed.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, my question also relates to the automony like what Shri Dipankar Mukherjee has asked. The Government has just announced a major autonony package for public sector companies. This morning a large number of news reports have stated that Boards of Navratna public sector companies would not be complete even till the end of the year. In other words, there are a large number of vacancies of independent Directors on the Boards of navratna companies. If the Boards are not going to be in place, no autonomy package is going to be meaningful. My question to the hon. Minister is: How long will it be before these Navratna companies would have their full professional Board in Place?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir these are in a very advance stage. Sir, full Boards would be there in almost every company before the next Session of Parliament begins.

अल्पसंख्यक आयोग/सलाहकार-समितियों का गठन

*211. **डा॰ कुमकुम राय:** क्या **सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग द्वारा कितने राज्यों में अल्पसंख्यक आयोग/सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया गया है;

(ख) कितने राज्यों में ऐसे आयोग/समिति का गठन अब तक नहीं हुआ; और

(ग) तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री (श्रीमती मीरा कुमार) : (क) से (ग) विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग राज्यों में अल्पसंख्यक आयोग/सलाहकार समितियां गठित नहीं करता है। तथापि, 15 राज्यों ने राज्य अल्पसंख्यक आयोग गठित किए हैं।

(ख) 14 राज्यों और 6 संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों ने अभी तक राज्य अल्पसंख्यक आयोग गठित नहीं किए हैं।

(ग) राज्य अल्पसंख्यक आयोग/सलाहकार समितियों के गठन का मामला राज्य सरकारों के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है।

Setting up of Minority Commission/Advisory Committees

†* 211. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the States in which the Minority Commission/ Advisory Committee has been constituted/Advisory Committee has been constituted by the National Minority Commission;

†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.